

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I didn't need a "forced medical exam" to convince me that I needed the help of a hearing aid. I was the best judge of this, just as I was the sole judge for buying glasses to improve vision. If I felt an exam was necessary, I would have gotten one and paid for it.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

It's a 63 mile trip for me to get either an ear exam or eye test. I should be the only person who determines whether these visits are required for me - Not the FDA!

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Like all the rest of the invasive bureaucracy of our burdensome government, the FDA should leave "intact" our constitutional Right to determine our own medical needs. We do not need more "Hillary-styled" intervention!

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

I do not need, nor do I want further intervention of any governmental organization in personal decisions regarding how I want to live my life.

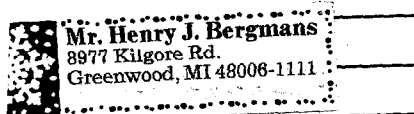
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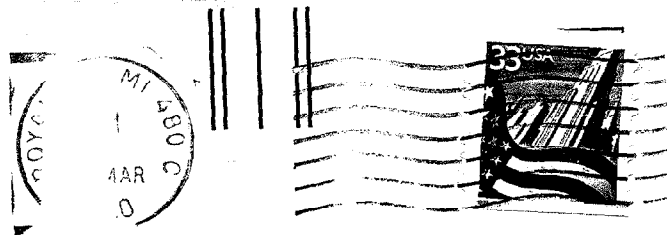
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